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Since May 2003, Rich Pruitt has served as the Director, Environmental Programs at Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. He currently is responsible for developing corporate vision and strategic initiatives and setting policy for all environmental regulatory compliance and continual improvement operations for the company. Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. is a global cruise vacation company that operates Azamara Cruises, CDF Croisières de France, TUI Cruises, Celebrity Cruises, Pullmantur, and Royal Caribbean International. The company has a combined total of 38 ships in service and six under construction. In addition to having ships call on every continent in the world, it also offers land- and rail-based cruise tour vacations in Alaska, Asia, Australia, Canada, Europe, Latin and South America and New Zealand.

Prior to joining Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd., Rich served in the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard. Rich's marine safety career began in 1993, when he was assigned as a resident marine inspector at Colonna's, Norshipco and Newport News shipbuilding yards while assigned to the USCG's Marine Safety Office Hampton Roads, in Norfolk, Virginia. In October 1995, he was selected to become the Chief, Port Safety and Security branch, and he held that job until 1997, when he was transferred to the position of South Florida Oil Pollution Planning Officer at MSO Miami. In 1999, Rich was selected to become chief of the USCG Passenger Vessel Control Verification Examination (CVE) School, where he directed the USCG's Center for Excellence for foreign passenger vessel examinations. As a senior marine inspector, Rich also served as the port state control program leader and casualty investigator, responding to serious marine accidents involving all types of casualties.

Rich was selected to become the inaugural USCG Passenger Vessel Safety, Prevention and Mass Rescue Operations program manager at USCG headquarters, where he served until his retirement in 2003.

Rich holds an Environmental Master of Business Administration degree from Florida Atlantic University. He also earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Management from National Louis University and an Associate's degree in Russian Interpreting from the Community College of the United States Air Force.

Rich is a life long Florida resident, and he and his wife Margy live in Plantation, Florida. They have three children and three grandchildren.